

Happy Valley School District
Regular Board Meeting
February 11, 2026
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 3:30pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Hodges, Freeman, Willet, Stahl

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trotter

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Stewart, Lynd, Hannah

STUDENTS PRESENT: Alissha, Mia

A. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MSC STAHL/FREEMAN to approve the Board Meeting agenda as written. Unanimous.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MSC WILLET/FREEMAN to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting January 14, 2026. Unanimous.

C. COMMUNITY INPUT

None.

D. BOARD REPORT

1. Katie Freeman reported the Happy Valley Committee had a meeting Feb 9th. There is a lot of planning underway and should be a fun event for all.

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Michelle Stewart informed the Board of the following:

1. Mandated Reporter Training is going to be state law. Next year all independent contractors and volunteers will need to complete annual training.
2. Attended a math textbook fair at the COE with several teachers. We will be looking at California Mathematics, a partner with i-Ready. Each teacher will teach one unit and we will decide by the end of the year to either adopt the curriculum or choose a new publisher to review.
3. Received closeout letter from the state for restroom project.
4. Received notification letter from the state that final \$10k in funds has been released.
5. At our March board meeting we will consider working with SSDA on a Board Policy program. It is a more affordable option than CSBA and easier to navigate for a small district.
6. Opened registration for 2026-2027, sent out intent to return forms to staff and students, and are reviewing IDT requests. You will get a regular enrollment report starting in March.

F. STAFF REPORT

Sophie Hannah reported the following:

1. TK is learning how to be community helpers.
2. K/1st is working on Valentine's Day crafts and informational writing.
3. 2nd grade is learning about money and meal worms.
4. 3rd grade is publishing informational writing.
5. 4th grade is working on their science showcase and fractions.
6. 5th/6th grades are typing informational essays and looking forward to a visit to B40 next week.

G. STUDENT REPORT

Alissha and Mia informed the Board of the following:

1. The new session of after school classes have begun.
2. Going to B40 next week.
3. Had identity swap day last week.
4. Looking forward to the four day weekend.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SANTA CRUZ

The Board received an update regarding the Happy Valley School Foundation Fund through December 31, 2025.

2. 2025-2026 FIRST INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board received information regarding the positive certification of the 2025-2026 First Interim Financial Report from the Santa Cruz County Office of Education. The district continues to deficit spend and is cautioned against on-going deficit spending.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2025-2026 COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY PLAN

MSC FREEMAN/WILLET to approve the 2025-2026 Comprehensive Safety Plan Part 1 - Public Components. Unanimous.

2. 2ND QUARTER WILLIAMS COMPLAINT REPORT

MSC HODGES/FREEMAN to approve the 2nd quarterly report of 2025-2026 Uniform Complaints related to the Williams Settlement. Unanimous.

3. RESOLUTION 25-26-03, TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE NOTICES

MSC FREEMAN/STAHL to approve the March 15th layoff notices for the following position: Hourly Temporary EL Support Teacher, .20FTE Temporary Art Teacher and .20FTE Temporary Music Teacher. Unanimous.

4. 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

MSC HODGES/STAHL to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar. Unanimous.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN

MSC STAHL/FREEMAN to approve the updates to the Strategic Plan. Unanimous.

6. DESIGNATION OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION (CSBA) DELEGATE FOR SUBREGION 9-A

MSC FREEMAN/HODGES to approve the vote for McAllister to serve a two-year term as a CSBA Delegate for subregion 9-A. Unanimous.

7. BOARD POLICIES

MSC FREEMAN/WILLET to approve board policy updates. Unanimous.

J. CONSENT ITEMS

MSC FREEMAN/WILLET to approve the vendor warrants paid since the last meeting. Unanimous.

K. COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. February 13, 2026 - No School, Lincoln Holiday Observed
2. February 16, 2026 - No School, Presidents' Day
3. February 18, 2026 - Parent Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Via Zoom
4. February 19, 2026 - Read-A-Thon Begins
5. February 25, 2026 - End of Second Trimester
6. February 27, 2026 - PeaceBuilder Assembly, 10:45am, Theme - Honesty
7. March 2, 2026 - HV Committee Meeting, 4:30pm, Resource Room
8. March 11, 2026 - Board Meeting, 3:30pm, MPR
9. March 12, 2026 - Report Cards Sent Home
10. March 16, 2026 - No School, Staff Development Day
11. March 18, 2026 - Parent Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Via Zoom
12. March 27, 2026 - PeaceBuilder Assembly, 10:45am, Theme - Cooperation

L. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into closed session at 4:23pm to discuss:

1. Negotiations
2. Comprehensive School Safety Plan Part 2 - Internal Components

M. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Board reported out of closed session, at 4:55pm, reporting the following:

1. MSC FREEMAN/WILLET to approve the 2025-2026 Comprehensive Safety Plan Part 2 Internal Components. Unanimous.

N. ADJOURNMENT

MSC STAHL/WILLET to adjourn the meeting, there being no further business, 4:59pm. Unanimous.

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